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Ajay Kurian

Born 1984 Baltimore, MD
Lives and works in Brooklyn, NY

Education

2006 BA, Columbia University 2006, Visual Arts, Art History

Solo Exhibitions

- 2017 *American Artist*, Sies + Höke, Düsseldorf, Germany
- 2016 *incubator*, CAPRI, Düsseldorf, Germany
The Dreamers, 47 Canal, New York
The Childhood of Jesus, White Flag Projects, St. Louis, MO
Unilateral Educational Disarmament, JOAN, Los Angeles
- 2015 *Work Harder Under Water*, Rowhouse Project, Baltimore, MD
- 2014 *Tapetum Lucidum*, Artspeak, Vancouver
- 2013 *Proleptic*, 47 Canal, New York
Ajay Kurian, Jhaveri Contemporary, Mumbai
- 2011 *Petrichor*, Audio Visual Arts, New York
The Sheltering Sky, Callicoon Fine Arts, Callicoon, NY

Group Exhibitions

- 2017 *Lodgers*, Curated by Veit Loers, Haus Mödrath - Räume für Kunst, Kerle, Germany
Citizen X - Human Nature and Robot Rights, Øregaard Museum, Copenhagen, Denmark
Vertical Gardens, Antenna Space, Shanghai
2017 Whitney Biennial Exhibition, Whitney Museum of American Art, New York
Back to Mulholland Drive, La Panacée, Montpellier, France
Worlding, Richmond Center for Visual Arts, Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, MI
30th Anniversary Exhibition: Attics of My Life, Jack Hanley Gallery, New York
- 2016 *Freud's Mouth*, Cooper Cole, Toronto
Goulding the Lolly, Gavin Brown's Enterprise, New York
- 2015 *Greater New York*, MoMA PS1, New York
In Appearance of Order, curated by 247365, Water McBeer, New York
A Rare Earth Magnet, Derek Eller Gallery, New York
The Visitors, curated by Tom Eccles and Ruba Katrib, Art CommissionsGI, Governor's Island, New York
Finally Every Dimension of the Soil, American Medium, New York
Open Source: Art at the Eclipse of Capitalism, curated by Lisa Schiff, Leslie Fritz, and Eugenio Re Rebaudengo, Galerie Max Hetzler, Paris and Berlin
- 2014 *Flet*, SpazioA, Pistoia, Italy
Elusive Earths, Etablissement d'en face, Brussels
Human, Evolution, Machine, Galerie Hussenot, Paris
Flat Neighbors, Rachel Uffner, New York
New Hells, Derek Eller Gallery, New York

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- Rockaway!*, MoMA PS1, Fort Tilden and Rockaway Beach, NY
More Material, Salon 94, New York
nature after nature, Fridericianum, Kassel
Memory Palaces, Carlier Gebauer, Berlin
Border Food, Loyal Gallery, Malmö, Sweden
- 2013 *Desert Plains and Internet Memes*, Galerie Art:Concept, Paris
Stigmergy, Ajay Kurian and Maria Antelman, 247365, New York
ProBio, EXPO 1: New York, MoMA PS1, New York
do it (outside), curated by Hans Ulrich Obrist in collaboration with ICI, Socrates Sculpture Park, New York
Weird Science, Jack Hanley, New York
Let it Come Down, Hannah Barry, London
The Fifth Dimension, Ricou Gallery, Brussels
Great Skin, BODEGA, Philadelphia
- 2012 *Ur*, Room East, New York
=,, organized by Matt Keegan, Michèle Didier, Paris
Born Digital, CAM Raleigh, Raleigh, NC
Cave In, organized by Ramekin Crucible, Cueva Arcillas, Puerto Rico
- 2011 *White Columns Annual*, organized by Nick Mauss and Ken Okiishi, White Columns, New York
Harvest Moon, organized by Ryan Foerster, Brighton Beach, NY
Drawings, Drawing, Photographs, Rachel Uffner, New York
HOW DO YOU DO, NOMA Gallery, San Francisco
- 2010 *Which Witch is Which? And/or Summertime*, organized by Ajay Kurian, White Flag Projects, St. Louis, MO
Now or Never, Rincon Projects, Bogota
Structures Within an Intervention, curated by Meenakshi Thirukode, The Guild Gallery, New York
And so on, and so on, and so on..., organized by Matt Sheridan Smith, Harris Lieberman, New York
- 2009 *The living and the dead*, organized by Darren Bader, Gavin Brown's Enterprise, New York
- 2008 *SINGULAR FRIENDS: Heaving up on one another's shoulder's*, Gresham's Ghost, New York
- 2006 Senior Thesis Exhibition, LeRoy Neiman Gallery, Columbia University, New York
- Projects
- 2013 *A Proposition by Ajay Kurian: The Persistence of Gardens - Nuclear, Digital and Otherwise*, The New Museum, New York
- 2011 *No More Presence and Robert Filliou*, The Artist's Institute, New York
- 2010 *Beneath the finest silks and the coarsest stuff, he calls*, edited by Elena Bajo and Warren Neidich "INPUT Magazine" #2
- Curatorial Projects
- 2012 *GRAN PRIX*, in collaboration with Nudashank, Nudashank, Baltimore, MD
PROLEGOMENA: a collaboration between Shifter Magazine and Gresham's Ghost, Jack Hanley Gallery, New York

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No More Presence...Corinne Jones and Leigh Ledare, online project and forthcoming book project, New York
No More Presence.. Jacob Kassay and Amy Granat, Enid's 560 Manhattan Avenue, Brooklyn
No More Presence. Liam Gillick and Uri Aran, USA Bar, New York
- 2009 *CAVE PAINTING: Installment #2* organized by Bob Nickas, Gresham's Ghost, New York
CAVE PAINTING: Installment #1, organized by Bob Nickas, Gresham's Ghost, New York
Unaddressed Circumventions: Folds From a Failed Suicide, Gresham's Ghost, New York
- 2008 *SINGULAR FRIENDS: Heaving up on one another's shoulders*, Gresham's Ghost, New York

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Aishti Foundation Collection, Antelias, Lebanon

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